

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9651-S9883

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1456-1466. Pages S9743-44

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 105th Congress". (S. Rept. No. 106-127)

S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-128)

S. 953, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the State of South Dakota to the Terry Peak Ski Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-129)

S. Res. 95, designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day".

S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S9743

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the University of Maine Black Bears: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 164, congratulating the Black Bears of the University of Maine for winning the 1999 NCAA hockey championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S9882

Federal Maritime Commission Authorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 819, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 920, Senate companion measure, and agreeing to a committee amendment. Page S9882

Subsequently, S. 920 was placed back on the calendar. Page S9882

Budget Reconciliation: Senate continued consideration of S. 1429, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S9651-S9737

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 1462, to express the sense of the Senate regarding investment in education. Pages S9697-S9719

Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 1472, to provide for the relief of the marriage tax penalty beginning in the year 2001. Pages S9719-29

Roth (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1388, making technical corrections to the Saver Act. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1411, to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received, and lands recovered, by Holocaust victims of their heirs. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Sessions) Amendment No. 1412, to provide for the Collegiate Learning and Students Savings (CLASS) Act title. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Collins/Coverdell) Modified Amendment No. 1446, to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development and incidental expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1455, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for computer donations to schools and to allow a tax credit for donated computers. Pages S9729-30

Withdrawn:

Breaux Amendment No. 1442, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9683-97

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Abraham Amendment No. 1398, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust

funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 228), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Baucus motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith. Subsequently, a point of order that the motion was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the motion thus fell.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 229), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Robb Amendment No. 1401, to delay the effective dates of the provisions of, and amendments made by, the Act until the long-term solvency of social security and medicare programs is ensured. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 230), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Gramm Amendment No. 1405, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 231), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Kennedy motion to recommit to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back with an amendment to modernize and improve the Medicare program by providing a prescription drug benefit, by reducing or deferring certain new tax breaks. Subsequently, a point of order that the motion was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the motion thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and

pending amendments, with votes to occur thereon, on Friday, July 30, 1999.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a further modification to Amendment No. 1472 (listed above) on Friday, July 30, 1999.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—231)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, July 30, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9883.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a program of mandatory market reporting for certain meat packers regarding the prices, quantities, and terms of sale for the procurement of domestic cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock, to improve the collection of information regarding the marketing of cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENSUS 2000 SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on the Census Bureau's request for additional funds for the decennial census, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau

of the Census, Department of Commerce; and Patrick F. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration.

LOAN LOSS ALLOWANCES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on the importance of the transparent financial reporting to investors and the marketplace, the Securities and Exchange Commission's interaction with financial institutes, and the progress made by the SEC and banking agencies in addressing areas of concern, after receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

AUTHORIZATION—MAGNUSON-STEVEN'S FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Penelope D. Dalton, Assistant Administrator, and Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, both of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Maggie Raymond, Associated Fisheries of Maine, South Berwick; Thomas R. Hill, New England Fishery Management Council, Gloucester, Massachusetts; Richard B. Lauber, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Juneau, Alaska; David Fluharty, University of Washington School of Marine Affairs, Seattle; Ken Hinman, National Coalition for Marine Conservation, on behalf of the Marine Fish Conservation Network, and Glenn R. Delaney, International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, both of Washington, D.C.; and Wayne E. Swingle, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Tampa, Florida.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 710, to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail, S. 905, to establish the Lackawanna Valley American Heritage Area, S. 1093, to establish the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Protection Sites, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin of New Mexico, S. 1117, to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, S. 1324, to

expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House, and S. 1349, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the national significance of specific sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, and Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, both of Department of the Interior; Mark Michel, Archaeological Conservancy, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kenneth H. P'Pool, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson; Rosemary T. Williams, Siege and Battle of Corinth Commission, Corinth, Mississippi; Robert Durkin, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Mayfield Borough, Pennsylvania; and Holliday Giles, Gettysburg Borough Council, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

EPA'S STANDARDS GASOLINE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's Tier 2 standards for cars and light-duty trucks and the accompanying proposed low sulfur requirements for gasoline, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

YUGOSLAVIA DEMOCRACY PROSPECTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs held hearings on prospects for democracy in Yugoslavia, receiving testimony from Robert S. Gelbard, Special Representative of the President and the Secretary of State for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords; James W. Pardew, Jr., Deputy Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation; Sonja Biserko, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia, Vienna, Austria; Irinej Dobrijevic, Serbian Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights, Ohio; and John Fox, Open Society Institute, and James Hooper, Balkan Action Council, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

QUALITY STATE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia held hearings to examine quality services management initiatives in the Federal Government, focusing on State success stories as models, receiving testimony from Steve Wall, Ohio Office of Quality Services, and Teresa

Shotwell-Haddix, Ohio Department of Transportation, both of Columbus.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Maryanne Trump Barry, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Naomi Reice Buchwald, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, David N. Hurd, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, M. James Lorenz, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Victor Marrero, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Brian Theodore Stewart, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Barry was introduced by Senators Torricelli, Lautenberg, and Specter, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lorenz were introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Representative Campbell, Ms. Buchwald, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Marrero were introduced by Senator Schumer, and Mr. Stewart was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 95, designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day"; and

The nominations of Maryanne Trump Barry, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Naomi Reice Buchwald, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, David N. Hurd, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, M. James Lorenz, to

be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Victor Marrero, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Brian Theodore Stewart, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, and Alejandro N. Mayorkas, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

FAIR ACCESS TO INDEMNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings on S. 1158, to allow the recovery of attorney's fees and costs by certain employers and labor organizations who are prevailing parties in proceedings brought against them by the National Labor Relations Board or by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, after receiving testimony from Eamonn McGeady, Martin G. Imbach, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Sam Colburn, Colburn Electric Company, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Richard Griffin, International Union of Operating Engineers, Washington, D.C.; and Vincent T. Norwillo, Tradesmen International, Inc., Solon, Ohio.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, August 4.

INFORMATION COORDINATION CENTER

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on Year 2000 Information Coordination Center, focusing on its role during key Y2K events, and the Administration's long-term plans to use the ICC for infrastructure protection, after receiving testimony from John Koskinen, Chairman, President's Council of Year 2000 Conversion; John S. Tritak, director, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office; Michael A. Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Richard C. Schaeffer, Jr., Director, Infrastructure and Information Assurance, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense of Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2630–2652; 1 private bill, H.R. 2653; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165–167 and H. Res. 265, 267, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 456, for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian Federal employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 United States helicopters over Iraq, amended (H. Rept. 106–270);

H.R. 2454, to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese, amended (H. Rept. 106–271);

H.R. 987, to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Science study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics (H. Rept. 106–272);

H.R. 717, to amend title 49, United States Code, to regulate overflights of national parks (H. Rept. 106–273, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 266, a resolution providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that the Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–274);

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wee of Washington, D.C.

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Military Construction Appropriations Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 343.

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H. Res. 262, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote.

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District of Columbia Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a yeas and nays vote

of 333 yeas to 92 nays, Roll No. 347. The House completed general debate on July 27. (See next issue.)

Agreed to:

The Istook amendment that permits the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency to carry out sex offender registration;

(See next issue.)

The Barr amendment that prohibits the use of any funding to legalize or reduce the penalty for the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act; and

(See next issue.)

The Tiahrt amendment that prohibits the use of any funds on a needle exchange program for illegal drugs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 344).

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

The Norton amendment that sought to strike Sec. 146 prohibiting any funding for a petition or civil action which seeks to require Congress to provide for voting representation in Congress for the District of Columbia (rejected by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 345); and

(See next issue.)

The Largent amendment that sought to prohibit any funding for the joint adoption of a child between individuals who are not related by blood or marriage (rejected by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 346).

(See next issue.)

Withdrawn:

The Bilbray amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to ban the possession of tobacco products by minors in the District of Columbia; and

(See next issue.)

The Stearns amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to specify that funding may be used for automated external defibrillators.

(See next issue.)

H. Res. 260, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 27.

(See next issue.)

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

(See next issue.)

Agreed to:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits funding to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortion through lobbying activities to alter laws or policies; (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 349);

(See next issue.)

The Greenwood amendment that restricts funding for population planning activities unless the foreign organization certifies that funds will not be used to promote abortion as a method of family planning, or to lobby for or against abortion (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 350);

(See next issue.)

The Brown of Ohio amendment that increases child survival and disease program funding by \$5 million;

(See next issue.)

The Gilman amendment that reduces funding for the Contribution to the International Development Association by \$8 million;

(See next issue.)

The Campbell amendment that increases funding for the African Development Bank by \$8 million;

(See next issue.)

The Traficant en bloc amendment that limits funding for the Government of the Russian Federation to \$172 million and prohibits any funding to purchase equipment or products made in a country other than the particular foreign government receiving assistance or the United States;

(See next issue.)

The Rohrabacher amendment that eliminates any funding for the Government of Cambodia; and

(See next issue.)

The Moakley amendment that prohibits any funding for the United States Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, Georgia (agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 352).

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

The Campbell amendment that sought to reduce economic support funding for Israel by \$30 million and Egypt by \$20 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 13 ayes to 414 noes, Roll No. 351);

(See next issue.)

The Pitts amendment that sought to specify that no Child Survival and Disease Program funds shall be used for activities designed to control fertility or delay childbirths or pregnancies (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 353).

(See next issue.)

Withdrawn:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase refugee assistance funding by \$20 million;

(See next issue.)

The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa by \$25 million;

(See next issue.)

The Mica amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for Colombian National Police equipment by \$37.5 million; and

(See next issue.)

The Andrews amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn by order of the House and without prejudice, that sought to prohibit any funds for new Overseas Private Investment Corporation projects.

(See next issue.)

H. Res. 263, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 256 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 348.

(See next issue.)

Order of Proceedings: It was made in order that during the further consideration of H.R. 2606 in the Committee of the Whole no amendment shall be in order except for the Andrews amendment, withdrawn without prejudice and the following amendments: Burton of Indiana amendment regarding a reduction in aid to India; Jackson-Lee amendment transferring \$4 million from IMET to ERMA and ESF; Paul amendment prohibiting funds for family planning and abortion; Paul amendment prohibiting funds for Ex-Im Bank, OPIC, and TDA; Stearns amendment requiring a report on actions in Kosovo; Hastings of Florida amendment expressing the Sense of Congress regarding flower imports from Colombia; Jackson-Lee amendment prohibiting military funds for Eritrea and Ethiopia; Jackson-Lee amendment expressing the Sense of Congress regarding peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia; Kucinich regarding OPIC; and Tancredo regarding man in the biosphere.

(See next issue.)

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6585.

Referrals: S. 305 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and S. 918 was referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6600–01.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6595–96 (continued next issue). There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:14 a.m. on July 30.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION—PROVIDE RELIEF FROM UNFAIR PENALTIES ON REFUNDS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1117, to provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds

retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Kansas; Carla Stovall, Attorney General, State of Kansas; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, amended, the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 486, Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 2630, NTIA Reauthorization Act of 1999.

TRUTH IN EMPLOYMENT ACT; FAIR ACCESS TO INDEMNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1441, Truth in Employment Act of 1999; and H.R. 1987, amended, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act.

BEIJING-U.S. EMBASSY—STATE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF ALLEGATIONS OF VISA FRAUD

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on the State Department's Handling of Allegations of Visa Fraud and Other Irregularities at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General; Peter Bergin, Deputy Director, Diplomatic Security; and Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary, Management; and Don Schurman, former Regional Security Officer, U.S. Embassy, Beijing.

In refusing to answer questions, Charles M. Parish, Jr., former First Consul and Secretary, U.S. Embassy, Beijing, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

FEDERALISM ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2245, Federalism Act of 1999.

PANAMA-U.S. SECURITY AND COUNTER-DRUG INTERESTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Post-1999 U.S. Security and Counter-Drug Interests in Panama. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. McNamara, former U.S. Chief Negotiator in Panama and Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and former Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command.

OVERSIGHT—REINVENTED TAXATION AND THE TAXPAYERS DEFENSE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Reinvented Taxation and The Taxpayers Defense Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hayworth and Terry; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact; H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina; and H.R. 1604, amended, Dairy Consumers and Producers Protection Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 54 and H.J. Res. 62. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter, Danner and Kingston; Charles W. Challstrom, Acting Director, National Geodetic Survey, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—DEA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issue Area, GAO; Donnie R. Marshall, Acting Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION REORGANIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2528, Immigration Reorganization and Improvement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers and Reyes; from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Bromwich, Inspector General; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

WARNER CREEK TIMBER SALE

Committee on Resources: Task Force on Warner Creek Timber Sale and Related Matters met in executive session and approved a report regarding the Warner Creek Timber Sale and Related Matters.

PRIBILOF ISLANDS TRANSITION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on

the Pribilof Islands Transition Act. Testimony was heard from David Kennedy, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jennifer Roberts, Environmental Manager, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of Alaska; and representatives of Municipal Governments, Village Corporations, and Tribal Councils from St. Paul and St. George Islands, Alaska.

OVERSIGHT—RURAL WATER PROJECT FINANCING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Rural Water Project Financing. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; John Romano, Deputy Administrator, Rural Utility Service, USDA; Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, EPA; Susan Kladiva, Associate Director, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION ACT WAIVER

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration in the House of a concurrent resolution waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31, 1999. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be debatable. All points of order against the concurrent resolution are waived.

MATH AND SCIENCE—ATTRACTING A NEW GENERATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Attracting a New Generation to Math and Science: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships in Education and H.R. 1265, Mathematics and Science Proficiency Partnership Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Jane Kahle, Division Director, Division of Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 356, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California; H.R. 2607, Commercial Space Transportation Competitiveness Act of 1999; and H.R. 1883, amended, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999.

SMALL BUSINESS ACT AMENDMENTS; CLEAN ACT AMENDMENTS—EPA'S INCLUSION OF PROPANE

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2614, Certified Development Company Program Improvements Act of 1999; and H.R. 2615, to amend the Small Business Act to make improvements to the general business loan program.

The Committee also held a hearing to discuss the EPA's inclusion of propane within the Clean Act Amendments. Testimony was heard from Representative Blunt; James Makris, Director, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office, EPA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to evaluate the Veterans Education and Training Service (VETS) program effectiveness and strategic planning. Testimony was heard from Carlotta C. Joyner, Director, Operations, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Espiridion A. Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

Y2K AND OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Y2K and Other Social Security Information Technology Issues. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; and Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

Joint Meetings

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 507 and H.R. 1480, bills making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D867)

H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National

Highway Traffic Administration. Signed July 28, 1999. (P.L. 106-39)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 30, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on the nomination of Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank; the nomination of Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; the nomination of Robert Z. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; the nomination of Martin Baily, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Council Economic Advisors; and the nomination of Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank, 11:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on United States policy toward victims of torture, 10 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following appropriations for fiscal year 2000: VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies; and Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 21, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce. Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 1999, 9 a.m., 2323 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Drugstores on the Net: The Benefits and Risks of Online Pharmacies, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2031, Twenty-first Amendment Enforcement Act, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on "The Rescissions Process After the Line Item Veto: Tools for Controlling Spending", 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Friday, July 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1429, Budget Reconciliation, with votes to occur on the pending amendments to begin at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 30

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Motion to go to conference on H.R. 1501, Juvenile Justice Reform Act; and Motion to go to conference on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act.

(House proceedings for today will be continued in the next issue of the Record.)



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